



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
CIBOLA NATIONAL FOREST
MT. TAYLOR RANGER DISTRICT
SPECIAL CLOSURE**

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a), the following act is prohibited on the area as described in this Order and the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A, within the Mt. Taylor Ranger District, Cibola National Forest, McKinley County, New Mexico.

1. Going into or being upon the area which is closed for public health or safety.
36 CFR 261.53(e)

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

RESTRICTED AREA

The San Mateo Mine which is located within Township 13 N., Range 9 W., Section 30 as shown on the attached map. The restricted area is described as follows: from the forest boundary at the northwest corner of section 30 east, one mile along the boundary, south one mile, west one mile then north one mile to the forest boundary.


PURPOSE

To protect the public and their health from mine debris in this area.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order will be in effect March 8, 2010, and shall remain in effect until March 31, 2012 or until rescinded.
2. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for individuals and \$10,000.00 for organizations or by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3559, 3571, and 3581]
3. This Order supersedes, rescinds, and replaces any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by the Order.

Done at Albuquerque, New Mexico, this 2nd day of March, 2010.



NANCY ROSE
Forest Supervisor
Cibola National Forest

Civil Rights Impact Statement

Special Closure (36 CFR 261.50)

Proposed Action

Special closure order for the San Mateo closed mine in area of Mt. Taylor on the Mt. Taylor Ranger District for public health or safety issues.

Duration

Order will remain in effect until hazards have been removed, lessened, and/or signed order is rescinded.

Employee/Community Involvement

Employees will speak with interested parties on phone.

Justification

To protect the public and their health due to the mine debris in the area.

Mitigation

Area will remain closed until hazards have been removed or lessened, and area signed.

Implementation

Original closure order signed

Public notification using signs and personal contacts.

Agency

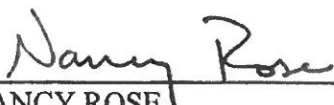
US Forest Service

Contact

Arnold Wilson, District Recreation Staff

Matthew P. Reidy, District Ranger

Reviewed and Approved:


NANCY ROSE
Forest Supervisor
Cibola National Forest

March 2, 2010
Date

Needs & Assessments & Enforcement Plan

Background

The area listed within closure order 03-0320 have been identified under the Final Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis Report for the San Mateo Uranium Mine having mining debris that is a threat to human exposure.

Intent of Subpart B order

The intent of this order is to protect the public from uranium mine debris.

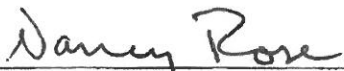
Enforcement

Articles have been in the Cibola/Grants Beacon and Gallup Independent concerning the proposed mine clean-up.

The closure order will be posted on the information boards going in the areas.

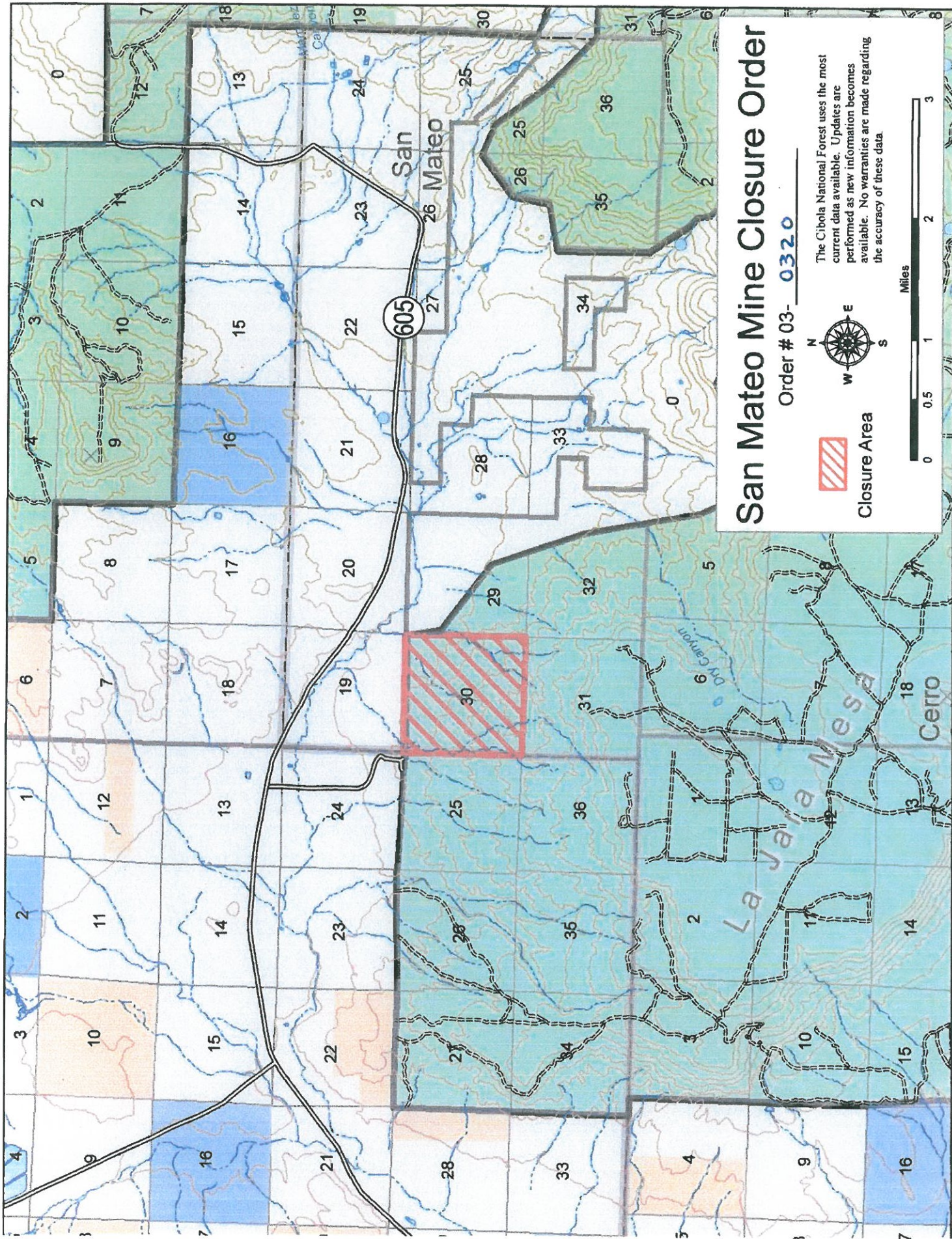
The Forest Service Law Enforcement along with District personnel will continue to go to this area to ensure the public is aware the area is closed and when it reopens.

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>	<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed order	District Ranger	Done
Review proposed order	OGC/Patrol Captain/Regional LEI	Done
Approve proposed order	Forest Supervisor	Ongoing
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.50a	District Ranger and staff	Ongoing
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives	District Ranger	Ongoing
Describe implementation/action taken for order, patrols, contacts to local public agencies. Implement plan.	District Ranger	Ongoing



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San Mateo Mine Closure Order

Order # 03- 0320

The Cibola National Forest uses the most current data available. Updates are performed as new information becomes available. No warranties are made regarding the accuracy of these data.



Closure Area

